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1723	382	6	0	1752	1101	18	6
1724	566	10	0	1753	1063	2	6
1725	630	5	0	1754	976	8	2
1726	575	4	0	1755	1096	3	6
1727	655	0	0	1756	973	18	3
1728	579	17	9	1757	912	7	6
1729	523	6	11	1758	1081	18	7
1730	722	6	4	1759	1163	9	9
1731	840	1	0	1760	1122	8	9
1732	951	1	3	1761	1096	15	0
1733	909	6	0	1762	836	13	9
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1736	837	7	0	1765	1207	11	10
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1742	866	6	2	1771	956	8	0
1743	819	0	0	1772	900	5	6
1744	848	16	9	1773	976	9	3
1745	1044	0	0	1774	942	17	6
1746	922	10	0	1775	866	13	3
1747	1062	2	0	1776	880	7	6
1748	916	6	6	1777	1000	0	0
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PURE RELIGION AND UNDEFILED BEFORE GOD AND THE
FATHER IS THIS, TO VISIT THE FATHERLESS AND
WIDOWS IN THEIR AFFLICTION.

THE *Fatherless and Widows* are constantly represented in Scripture, as fit objects of our pity and compassion; and such they most certainly are: for let us suppose their case to be as prosperous and happy, as it can well be: let us suppose that they are in affluent circumstances; that they have many friends and powerful connections; yet the Wife has lost her best and truest Friend, one, with whom she divided all her sorrows, and doubled all her joys: the Children are deprived of a Protector, a Guardian, and a Counsellor, who was bound, by the sure ties of love and affection, to act his part well. But how frequently is the loss of the Widow and Orphan aggravated, by many other distressful

distressful circumstances? How frequently doth the death of the Husband bring ruin upon the whole surviving Family? How often are the fairest prospects of happiness and success blasted at once, when He is taken away, on whom the Wife and Children depended for a support? When this is the case, no objects surely can be more worthy of our pity and compassion: ~~and I shall not,~~ therefore, I presume, speak unsuitably to the words I have chosen, if I take occasion from them to shew, how truly christian and excellent that Charity is, which is the end and design of this annual solemnity; and, after I have said what may be proper for this purpose, I will endeavour to answer a question or two, which will naturally arise out of this subject.

THE end and design of this Charity is, to make some provision for the Orphans of those, who spent their lives in attending on the sacred offices of Religion; and many are the reasons, why we ought to pay a particular regard to the case of these poor Orphans.

FIRST, because they have been reduced from a comfortable subsistence to a state of want and penury. Poverty is, in all cases, very irksome, but none are so sensible of the hardships and inconveniences of it, as they, who have been used to enjoy the comforts of prosperity; and, by some unfortunate turn in their affairs, are brought into great straits and difficulties.

difficulties. Indeed, it requires no small degree of patience to submit to such a change; especially, when we consider the scorn and contempt, to which a low and dependent state is apt to expose us: for how unreasonable soever the practice of the world may be in this respect, yet it is too common; and nothing can be more truly grievous to persons of a liberal and ingenuous disposition: and in that number they may, I trust, be fairly reckoned, in whose behalf we now appear. When God therefore is pleased to set such instances, as these, before our eyes, the tenderest regard is due to their misfortunes. We should recollect, that there was a time, when some of those, who now stand in need of our assistance, were as little acquainted with the real hardships and inconveniences of an indigent fortune, as the most prosperous and flourishing among us: we should call to mind, that many of them are persons of nice and delicate feelings, and that poverty to such is a greater evil, than to the generality of mankind; and being moved by these considerations, we should be forward and ready to help and relieve their necessities, and not give them the pain of laying their distresses before us, by a personal application. For the plea of the unjust steward is a very good one in the present case: *Dig I cannot, to beg I am ashamed.*^a Indeed this plea, when it is put into the mouths of such unfortunate persons, as are the objects of this Charity, hath every thing in it to move our pity and compassion.

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^a Luke xvi. 3.

AND as these Orphans have, for this reason, a particular claim to our support and protection; so another circumstance, which recommends their case, is, that the poverty, under which they now labour, doth not arise from idleness and extravagance. Indeed, if it had proceeded from such dishonourable causes, We might well be ashamed to address the Public in favour of it. But the reasons of this poverty are too well known; and, instead of being disgraceful to our Profession, it will, I hope, when properly considered, be thought to redound to the credit of it: since, notwithstanding the small value of many of our parochial Cures, and the great difficulties arising from a scanty provision; notwithstanding these discouragements, it doth not appear, that the Temple of God hath been forsaken, or his holy Ordinances neglected. The numerous Descendants of the English Clergy, who want assistance, are a proof, that their Fathers did, according to the Apostle's charge, *feed the flock of Christ, which was among them, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind:*^b And this is certainly a very honourable consideration, and reflects no small credit on our Order; and let *no man stop us of this our boasting;*^c let no man envy us, because we have, in our Church, more labourers worthy of their hire; more persons, who, *without gold or silver in their purse, or scrip for their journey, preach the Gospel of Christ, than any other protestant Church can boast of.*^d

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^b 1 Pet. v. 2. ^c 2 Cor. xi. 10. ^d Matt. x. 9, 10.

If the Parents of these Orphans had dedicated themselves to any other profession, they might have had better success; or if what was spent in carrying them through the several stages of a learned education, had been laid out in teaching them some of the more gainful trades and employments in the world, it would most probably have made a suitable return to them and their families; and *brought forth fruit, some an hundred-fold, some sixty-fold, and some thirty-fold,* * as industry, integrity, and a moderate degree of skill in any of the worldly employments, seldom fail of success; but, with regard to those, who enter into Holy Orders, the case is quite different; since too many of them do not, and indeed cannot, as things now stand, meet with a due reward for their labour.

It appears then from these considerations, that the poverty of the Orphans, which now claims your assistance, is not the effect of idleness, or extravagance, but was the unmerited lot of the Holy Office, to which their Fathers had dedicated themselves, from their earliest years; and doth not a poverty, which ariseth from such a cause, deserve the notice of every good Christian?

BUT these Orphans have not only a right to your protection on this account; but as a further title to your kind attention and regard they can plead their own personal me-

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* Matt. xiii. 8.

rits also; since, when considered in themselves, they will, I trust, *be found worthy for whom you should do this.*^c The good examples of their Fathers, the pious instructions under which they have lived, and the regular devotions, to which they have been accustomed from their infancy, are promising assurances of their faith and honesty; and leave little room to doubt but that what you bestow, is given to objects of real worth and merit, and that the best and wisest use will be made of your bounty.

It must, indeed, be confessed, that *they are not all Israel, which are of Israel, neither because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all Children.*^d It must be confessed, that these Orphans are sometimes a disgrace to their Birth, and notwithstanding the advantages of a pious, sober, and religious education, fall away, and sadly disappoint the hopes of their kind Benefactors. But such instances, thanks be to God, are not very common; since there are, it is well known, many of both sexes, who, by means of the assistance they received from this Institution, and by the blessing of God, have prospered so well in the world, as to become afterwards constant, and sometimes bountiful, Benefactors to this Design; and, in so doing, have given the best proof of a good and grateful heart: and, may we not hope, that some among those, who are to partake of your bounty this day, will have

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^c Luke vii. 4.

^d Rom. ix. 6, 7.

the same success in the world, and will make the same pious use of it.

BUT this benevolent Design doth not only deserve the favour and protection of all pious and well disposed persons, because it extends relief to the Children of deceased Clergymen; but a further recommendation of it is, that many of our poor Brethren, now alive, will receive great comfort and consolation from what is given on these occasions.

OF all the circumstances attending an indigent state, the dread and apprehension of the dangers and difficulties, which may happen, is one of the most terrible. Indeed, the mind of man can hardly be acquainted with a more anxious, and tormenting care, than that, which arises from a prospect of leaving those, who are to come after us, in want and misery; and whom, we are bound by all the ties of love and affection, to provide for. What therefore can afford more true comfort and satisfaction to our poor Brethren, than such an Institution as this; the design of which is, to procure a maintenance and support for their indigent Families, when they themselves, their only present support, shall be taken from them?

AND as many of our Order will, by this means, be relieved from great anxiety; so will they be enabled also to

attend upon the several branches of their duty, with more chearfulness, and without distraction.^h

THE work of the Ministry is great, and cannot be properly discharged without constant care and attention. *For the Servant of the Lord must be instant, in season, and out of season; must reprove, rebuke, and exhort; ⁱ must comfort the feeble minded, and support the weak; ^k and when he can be spared from these necessary parts of his duty, he must give attendance to reading; ^l to consulting the sacred Oracles, that the Man of God may be perfect, and ready always to give an answer to every man, that asketh a reason of the hope that is in him.^m* And, if to this must be added the care of providing for ourselves and our families, *who is sufficient for these things?*ⁿ This Institution therefore, whilst it provides for the Orphans of poor deceased Clergymen, enables the living also to discharge their duty, with alacrity and diligence; as they need not leave the word of God, in order to attend to the meaner concerns of the world; being well assured, that any deficiency, which may arise from so honourable a cause, will be properly supplied by the bounty and liberality of such Meetings, as these.

HAPPY, indeed, would it be, if such a maintenance could be allotted to the Ministers of Christ, as would enable them

^h 1 Cor. vii. 35.

ⁱ 2 Tim. iv. 2.

^k 1 Thessalon. v. 14.

^l 1 Tim. iv. 13.

^m 2 Tim. iii. 17. 1 Pet. iii. 15.

ⁿ 2 Cor. ii. 16.

to provide for themselves, and for those, who depend upon them; but, as too many of them have, during their whole lives, a bare subsistence only; their Widows and Orphans would be in the greatest distress, did they not receive some assistance from establishments of this kind; and as nothing can, under such circumstances, afford our poor Brethren more real comfort, or prove a stronger incitement to a faithful discharge of their duty, than the prospect of such a provision; it becomes us all, as friends to Humanity and Religion, to countenance this, and such like Institutions.

THESE then are the Grounds, these the Principles, on which we may safely recommend this particular Charity, as highly worthy of the notice of all pious and well disposed persons: but, as there is no design so good in itself, or so wisely conducted, against which some, *who desire occasion,* will not find occasion; I will endeavour, as I proposed, to answer, in the next place, a question or two, that may be asked on this subject.

AND first, it will, perhaps, be inquired how it comes to pass, that there are more Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, who stand in need of relief, than of any other profession or calling? and though this matter hath been already, in some measure, explained, yet I will take this opportunity of considering it more fully.

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2 Cor. xi. 12.

THE ecclesiastical Benefices of this country consist principally of Vicarages, and endowed Curacies; and as the revenues of the former frequently arise from stated payments in money, so do generally those of the latter; and money having gradually decreased in its value for the two last centuries, preferments of this kind have been constantly growing worse and worse; and, as they afforded but a scanty subsistence at first, how small must that be now! ^p It ought however to be observed, that preferments of this kind have been discharged by an Act of Royal Bounty from some particular payments, to which Benefices of greater value are still subject, ^q but, with respect to all other public burthens and taxes, they bear at least an equal proportion with other estates; and, in point of hospitality and charity, more is expected from the Incumbents on such poor Benefices, than from any other Order of men, of the same income.

BESIDES this, many of our Clergy are respectable on account of their birth; and all are made so by their education and rank in the world; and they cannot therefore accustom themselves to live in the same parsimonious and sordid manner; or so readily submit to all the inconveniences of a narrow income, as persons, who are not so well born, or not so refined in their notions of life.

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^p See Bishop Kenner's *Case of Impropriations*, &c. where this matter is placed in a very clear light.

^q 2 and 3 An. chap. xi.

AND as the Clergy are not so likely to manage their little concerns with so much parsimony, as persons of a more contracted education; so are they, by the nature of their profession, excluded from all the ordinary means of temporal advancement; the several inlets to wealth, such as the *Camp*, the *Court*, and the *City*, being shut upon them by severe canons, and laws: and if they should not happen to succeed in their profession, they are not permitted, as the Laity are, to leave their original calling, and pursue any other method of advancing their fortune; and though these restraints, under which the Clergy of this country lie, are founded in reason, and good policy; yet this is a circumstance, which, on the present occasion, ought not to be omitted.

BUT this is not all; since another advantage, which the Laity have, is, that if they should be taken away, before they have made a competent provision for those, who depend upon them; it often happens, that the business may be carried on by some Friend, for the benefit of their Families; and, in such cases, the loss of an Husband, or Parent, is not so severely felt; but, when a Clergyman dies, all the gains of his profession die with him; and, unless he had some other resources, his Family must be left to subsist on the bounty and benevolence of others.

THESE then are some of the reasons, why many of our Clergy are unable to make so good a provision for themselves
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and their families, as persons of other professions and callings; and, if their case be considered with the candour it deserves, it will be found to be a matter of wonder, that there are not more of their children in want; and that there are so many in so prosperous and flourishing a condition; as we have good reason to think there are from this day's appearance, as well as from a variety of other circumstances.

It may be further asked, if so numerous a Body of men, as the Clergy are, and who are employed in so weighty a concern, as that of Religion, have so little encouragement; if they, who are, in an especial manner, said, by our Saviour, to be *worthy of their hire*, seem to be the only Labourers, who are unworthy of it: It may be asked, I say, whether this circumstance doth not carry a reflection on the Public, which they serve, and argue some defect in our Constitution?

THERE can be no doubt but that a competent provision ought to be made for the parochial Clergy: but how is this to be done? It doth not become any person in a private station to prescribe the method; nor is it a matter of so little difficulty, as some are apt to imagine.

SOME Writers of late years have been inclined to think that the Clergy can hardly be too poor; that they ought to have no settled maintenance, and should depend on the voluntary donations

* Gordon, Trenchard, and some others.

nations of others; but I will not detain you in exposing the absurdity of such a system as this; nor is it necessary, as the Legislature hath always shewed a friendly disposition to our Order, and been, at all times, ready to secure to us our reasonable claims and privileges; as may be proved from divers laws, which have been passed since the Reformation,* and particularly from a Gracious Act, in a late Reign; and though great advantages have already arisen from thence to many of the parochial Clergy; yet, it will be some centuries, before the small Benefices will be so far augmented, as to afford a competent maintenance for their respective Incumbents.†

AT the time of the Reformation indeed, a competent provision might have been made for the parochial Clergy with part of the revenues, of which the Religious Houses were deprived; and had this method been pursued, it would have been very agreeable to the strict rules of Justice; for, as the Monks had amassed their wealth by several scandalous

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* The Statutes of this kind, which appear to be most worthy of notice, are the following, viz. 2 and 3 Ed. 6. C. xxi. 5 and 6 Ed. 6. C. xii. 1 Eliz. C. xix. 13 Eliz. C. x. 18 Eliz. C. xi. 1 Jac. 1. C. lii. 1 Jac. 1. C. xxv. 12 Car. 2. C. xi. 13 and 14 Car. 2. C. xxv. 17 Car. 2. C. iii. 22 Car. 2. C. xi. 29 Car. 2. C. viii. 1 W. and M. C. xvi. 2 and 3 An. C. xi. 5 An. C. xxv. 1 G. Stat. 2. C. x.

† See Preface to Ecton's Thesaurus, 4to; and Bishop Kennett's Remarks on the Statute of 2 and 3 Ann. C. xi. in his *Case of Impropriations*, &c. p. 374. See also Dr. Burn's Ecclesiastical Law, Vol. I. 4to, p. 582.

ways, so one in particular was, by oppressing the parochial Clergy ; " and as the donations to the Monasteries were originally intended for good and pious purposes, though they were shamefully abused ; it is much to be lamented, that, when these Societies were suppressed, a greater proportion of their revenues was not so applied, viz. to the maintenance of the parochial Clergy, the education of Youth, and the support of Literature, or any other great and national Purpose ; and, had a larger part of the overgrown wealth of these Houses been appropriated to such wise, and good, and useful, ends, it would have rendered the Reformation still dearer to the Public, and still more venerable in the sight of the world ; but, very little being bestowed in this manner, the Reformation left the parochial Clergy, with respect to their revenue, very nearly in the same situation, in which it found them ; and it may be asked therefore, whether it would not have been better upon the whole, if the Legislature had continued to restrain the Clergy from marrying ; as the poverty, with which their marriages are too frequently attended, is certainly a great inconvenience.

Now, in answer to this, it may be truly said : though the privilege of marriage, which at the Reformation was first granted to the Clergy of this Kingdom, doth often involve them

* See Bishop Kennett's *Case of Impropriations*. Sect. 10, 11, 12, and 13.

* By the Statutes of 2 and 3 Ed. 6. c. 21. and 5 and 6 Ed. 6. c. 12. the Clergy were permitted to marry ; but in Queen Mary's time these

them in great straits and difficulties; and though it is melancholy to consider how many objects of charity are to be found among the Widows and Orphans of our deceased Brethren; yet the marriage of the Clergy is attended, at the same time, with so many advantages, that it ought to be encouraged.

FOR, by this means, the gross impurities, with which the Clergy were charged before the Reformation, and which brought so much disgrace on the whole Order, have, I trust, been, in a great measure, prevented.

By this means also the Clergy have been enabled to set a more perfect pattern to the people committed to their care; not only by explaining the several duties incumbent upon us, as members of Society; but by enforcing their instructions also by the good examples of themselves, and their families.

NOR have the cares and business, which generally attend the marriage-state, been without their use; as our Clergy have, by means of them, become more acquainted with the customs and manners of the times; have acquired a competent skill in the management of their own affairs; and

Statutes were repealed, and the Clergy were again brought under the severe Law of Hen. 8. and so continued, during all that reign, and (which is remarkable) during the whole reign of Queen Elizabeth also; as the Statutes of Edward 6. were not revived till the first year of James the first.

attained a due degree of what is called a knowledge of the world; a knowledge, which can never be learned without mixing and conversing with the world; and yet is so necessary, that, without some share of it, a man is fit for no post or employment; and, least of all, for that of the pastoral Office.

BESIDES these advantages, which have been derived from the marriage of our Clergy; another, and, perhaps, in a political light the most important, is, that their numerous issue have been spread through all parts of his Majesty's Dominions; and, being brought up to useful trades and professions, have proved of great public service. Two centuries have scarcely elapsed, since marriage was allowed to the Clergy of this Kingdom; and yet they can boast that their Sons have filled, and still continue to fill, some of the most respectable places and stations in life; that they have often been famous in their Generation, and highly useful; useful to the Church, and to the State; useful to Religion, and to their Country; and as they have, by this means, done great credit and honour to their Birth; so have they, in times of danger and difficulty, been the constant friends and supporters of that Order, from whence they derived their Being.

THESE then are some of the advantages, which have arisen from the marriage of the Clergy; and to them many more might

might be added ; but these are sufficient to shew the wisdom and prudence of the Legislature in taking off the unnatural restraint, which that Order of men lay under before the Reformation.

HOWEVER, the poverty of some of our Brethren is, it must be acknowledged, one inconvenience, with which their marriage is attended ; but this inconvenience, whatever it is, we are so far from concealing, that we are publicly assembled here, this day, to do all we can in order to remove it ; and, though we are not of ourselves equal to so great an undertaking, yet much more may be done by us, than some are at first apt to imagine : if we set about it in good earnest, and exert our utmost endeavours : if we take all proper opportunities of recommending this *work and labour of love* to the hearts and consciences of men : and who can blame our zeal, when we are employed in so truly christian and excellent a design ?

BUT, though the design of our Meeting is truly excellent ; and though there are, perhaps, as good reasons, and as strong motives

See a Work intitled *Preservative against Popery*, Vol. I. pag. 278. where a Treatise occurs by the learned Mr. Henry Wharton, on the *Celibacy of the Clergy*, wherein the practice of our Church in this respect is vindicated, in a very masterly manner. Some of the advantages, which are mentioned in this Discourse as arising from the privilege of marriage granted to the Clergy may be found at large in that Treatise, and many more also of equal importance.

motives for this particular kind of Beneficence, as for any other; yet the manner, in which we ask this relief, hath been censured by some; and this brings me to say a few words, in the last place, in favor of these *anniversary Meetings*.

* SOME think, that these Meetings are carried on in too pompous and chargeable a manner; and that it is unreasonable, that so much trouble and expence should be laid every year on the Stewards; especially, as the sum collected, on these occasions, for the use of the Charity, is sometimes very little more, than what is expended by them in support of the Meetings themselves.

Now in answer to this, it may be observed, that when we consider the magnificence of the place, in which we hold our Meetings; the excellent Purpose, for which we assemble ourselves; and the great number of truly respectable persons, who are pleased to favour us with their presence; some show, and appearance are strictly necessary, and justly to be expected; and, so long as order and decency are preserved, he is not a judicious Friend to this Design, who would have things put on a more contracted plan; and, with respect to the

* It may be proper to observe, that the expences of the Music and the Feast, as well as all other charges of holding these Meetings are defrayed by the Stewards; and the money collected is applied to the sole purpose of the Charity.

the expence and trouble of supporting these Meetings, persons of the highest Birth, of the most distinguished Character, and of ample Fortune, have hitherto, without any solicitation, been ready to undertake the task; and, if we may judge from what hath happened, there will never be wanting Persons, able and willing to serve the Charity in this respectful manner; nor is it material, whether the collection is more, or less, than what is expended by the Stewards, in support of these Meetings; since, without these Meetings, there is reason to believe that this truly excellent Institution, which now affords so seasonable a relief to many distressed Orphans, would fall into decay, and, in a few years, be totally neglected, and forgotten.

AND, besides this obvious use of these Meetings, another is; that, as a greater number of the Clergy is assembled together on these occasions, than on any other; they have an opportunity of manifesting their love and affection to their deceased Brethren, by relieving the distresses of their indigent Families; and shewing, by that means, that the Clergy are not, as it hath been often said, less kind and friendly to each other, than any other order of men. Many also, who are not of our Order, when they observe our zeal on these occasions, will be more likely to become Contributors to this Design; since, how well soever affected they may be towards us, yet none can ever think themselves obliged to take more care of us, than we take of ourselves.

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ALL therefore, who are Friends to the pious and honest design of this Charity, cannot but be zealous Advocates for a continuance of these Meetings; and, instead of having them put on a narrower plan, would wish to see them carried on in the same liberal manner at least, as they have hitherto been; and such of us as are called to the like Holy Office, as the Fathers of these poor Orphans, are, in a particular manner, bound to encourage assemblies of this kind; not only by our presence, but by our contributions; not only by a bare attendance, but by taking every opportunity of shewing the great use and advantage of this Institution; for though the humanity of this age hath set on foot many other excellent Charities; yet, whilst so many Widows and Orphans of Clergymen are in want of the common necessities of life, our care and attention ought to be turned chiefly towards these Objects, and the greatest part of our bounty ought to be bestowed in this way; since according to *St. Paul*, in whose words I will conclude; *If any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an Infidel.**

* 1 Tim. v. 8.

THE END.

A P P E N D I X.

THE Secretary having collected the following particulars relative to this Charity, submits them (at the desire of the Stewards) to the perusal of the Public; and hopes they will be considered (even in their present imperfect state) as a proper and useful Appendix to the Sermon preached in support of this excellent Institution. He flatters himself that it will appear in a more perfect form on some future occasion, by a kind communication to him of such particulars as are not yet come to his knowledge. And it is hoped that the benevolent intention of so laudable an Undertaking, by which so many valuable Members to Society have been raised, will never be suffered to languish, but, on the contrary, go hand in hand with the liberality of the times.

[1721.]

Rev. Robert Freind, D.D.

Rev. Jeremiah Dodson, M.A.

George Wheeler, Esq;

Thomas Bowers, Esq;

Mr. John Freke

Mr. Barrington Horsmanden

Mr. Thomas Watts

Mr. John Palmer

Mr. Michael Hilleriden

Mr. Samuel Edwards

Mr. Giles Vincent

Mr. Charles Cotton

Collection 6330 16 0

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Daniel Waterland, D.D. Master of Magdalen College in Cambridge, Rector of the United Parishes of St. Austin and St. Faith, London, and Chaplain in Ordinary to His Majesty.

[1722.]

Rev. John Nicoll, M.A.	George Smith, Esq;
Rev. William Vincent, M.A.	Mr. William Carter
Rev. Simon Manningham, M.A.	Mr. Everard Goodman
Rev. Samuel Harris, M.A.	Mr. Nathan Partridge
Joseph Hall, Esq;	Mr. George Vincent
Alexander Strahan, Esq;	Mr. Henry Holloway

Collection £.328 16 0

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Pawlet St. John, D.D. Rector of Yelden, in Bedfordshire.

[1723.]

The Hon. J. Verney, Vice-President	Mr. Malachi Hawthaine
Rev. George Wigan, M.A.	Mr. George Wilkinfon
Rev. Thomas Westley, M.A.	Mr. John Willmer
John Twifleton, Esq;	Mr. Ambrose Webb
Edward Jones, Esq;	Mr. Samuel Palmer
James Cockburn, Esq;	Mr. John Westley

Collection £.382 6 0

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Delaune, D.D. President of St. John's College, Oxford.

[1724.]

Rev. Thomas Rundell, D.D.	Jeremiah Oakley, Esq;
Rev. John Middleton, D.D.	Mr. Samuel Maurice Gale
Charles Pilsforth, Esq;	Mr. William Gataker
John Sayer, Esq;	Mr. Richard Clavering
Charles Mandevile, Esq;	Mr. Walter Barnard
Thomas Prowse, Esq;	Mr. Robert Hoffman

Collection £.566 10 0

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Samuel Edgley, M.A. Vicar of Wandsworth, in Surry.

[1725.]

Rev. Edward Silvester, M.A.	Bartholomew Tipping, Esq;
Rev. Richard Younger, M.A.	Mr. Benjamin Willis, Treasurer
Rev. John Barnard, M.A.	Mr. John Dwight
Ward Grey Ashenhurst, M.D.	Mr. Christopher Perry
Glanville Wheler, Esq;	Mr. Edward Ferrand
Samuel Edwards, Esq;	Mr. Thomas Pomfret

Collection £.630 5 0

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Joseph Roper, B.D. Rector of the united Parishes of St. Nicholas Coleabby, and St. Nicholas Olaves, in the City of London.

[1726.]

Rev. Jeffrey Barton, M.A.	Joseph Richardson, Esq, Treasurer
Rev. Stephen Newcomen, M.A.	Mr. Charles Amyatt
Sir Darcy Dawes, Bart.	Mr. George Wright
James Monro, M.D.	Mr. Michael Acton
William Fullerton, M.D.	Mr. Gervase Leverland
Francis Godolphin, Esq;	Mr. Charles Westley

Collection £.575 4 0

The Sermon was preached by Sir John Dolben, Bart. D.D. Prebendary of Durham.

[1727.]

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bangor, Dr. Sherlock	Charles Owsley, Esq;
Rev. Thomas Yalden, D.D.	Edward Edlin, Esq; Treasurer
Rev. Joseph Trapp, D.D.	Thomas Hutton, Esq;
Rev. Thomas Dunbar, M.A.	Henry Bernard, Esq;
Rev. William Sherlock, M.A.	Mr. Robert Barnard
John Arbuthnot, M.D.	Mr. Benjamin Allen

Collection £.655 0 0

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Michael Hutchinson, D.D. Minister of Hammer-smith.

The Stewards altered the Feast-Day or Anniversary from December, to the 15th of February. The Cook (Mr. Miller) was ordered to provide a Dinner at 160l. as per Bill delivered in. Advertisements were ordered to be inserted twice in the Post-Boy and Mift's Journal, and once in the Gazette and Evening Post.

Sum total of the Stewards Expences this Year - £.504 3 9

Mr. Green for Music at St. Paul's, &c - - - 57 2 6

Mr. Green provided the Music in the Hall at the usual Price of Six Guineas and an Half. The Number of Musicians, Eleven. Mr. Green desired his Dinner might be ready by Half an Hour after Twelve o'Clock. Purcel's Te Deum and Jubilate were performed, as was a new Anthem composed by Mr. Green. From the Ignorance of the new Stewards, it was agreed to request that the old Stewards would serve as Deputies.

[1728.]

Rev. John Hawkins, D.D.

Rev. Marshall Grefwold, B.D.

Rev. William Bedford, M.A.

Rev. Richard Vincent, M.A.

Rev. Henry Parker, M.A.

William Woodford, M.D. Treasurer

Richard Chandler, Esq;

Francis Hare, Esq;

Thomas Hayley, Esq;

Charles Trelawney, Esq;

Mr. Thomas Newcome

Mr. William Vicarr

Collection £.595 17 9

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert Kilborn, LL.D. Prebendary of St. Paul's, and Rector of the united Parishes of St. Mary Aldermary and St. Thomas Apostle, in the City of London.

Ordered, That every Steward that does not come within one Hour after the Time appointed in the Summons, shall forfeit 2s. 6d. and the Treasurer and Secretary 5s. Mr. Miller, the Cook, to serve the Dinner at 150l. Feast-Day the 13th of February. The Music, Purcel's Te Deum and Jubilate, by Green, at the usual Sum. Used one Hogshead and an Half of French Wine, at 42l.

The Treasurer and Secretary to attend the Bishops Table, as usual. Bow Church Bells and St. Michael's were ordered to be rung.

Expences of the Stewards this Year, - £.523 15 6

[1729.]

Rev. Robert Kilborn, LL.D.

Rev. Thomas Spateman, M.A.

Rev. Woolley Johnson, M.A.

Rev. Thomas Kynaston, B.A.

Rev. John Cockman, M.D.

Timothy Brecknock, Esq;

William Spinkes, Esq;

Mr. Francis Welles

Mr. William Norwood, Treasurer

Mr. Henry Prude, Secretary

Mr. Seth Gibson

Mr. James Ruffel

Collection £.523 6 11

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Ralph Brideoake, B.D. Archdeacon of Winchester.

[1730.]

Rev. Samuel Baker, D.D.	George Owen, M.D.
Rev. Samuel Drake, D.D.	Mr. John Hodson
Rev. John Morice, D.D.	Mr. John Cooke
Richard Cheeke, Esq; Treasurer	Mr. Samuel Sandeforth
William Moreton, Esq;	Mr. Richard Scrafton
Humphry Wyrley, Esq;	Mr. Abraham Winterbottom

Collection £.722 6 4

[1731.]

Rev. Mr. Archdeacon Waterland	Mr. Stephen Daubuz
Rev. Mr. Archdeacon Brijdeoake	Mr. Thomas Whitfield
Rev. Mr. Archdeacon Tennison	Mr. William Dillingham
Rev. John Drake, B.D.	Mr. Mathew Johnion
Rev. William Deare, M.A.	Mr. John Warren
Guy Rouffignac, M.D.	Mr. John Townsend

Collection £.840 1 0

[1732.]

Rev. John Hall, D.D.	Hon. John Willes
Rev. William Nicholls, D.D.	Jacob Houblon, Esq;
Rev. John Sturges, B.D.	Thomas Prowse, Esq;
Rev. Daniel Somershall, M.A.	Richard Price, Esq;
Rev. William Shorey, M.A.	Mr. Nathaniel Townsend
Rev. John Marryon, LL.B.	Mr. Thomas Harrison

Collection £.951 1 3

[1733.]

Rev. John Mangey, D.D.	Thomas Green, Esq;
Rev. Wadham Chandler, M.A.	John Hall, Esq;
Rev. John Abbott, M.A.	John Stevens, Esq;
Rev. John Birch, M.A.	Mr. James Croft
Benjamin Hoadley, M.D.	Mr. Jenner Swain
John Willis, Esq;	Mr. Michael Martindale

Collection £.909 6 0

[1734.]

Rev. Robert Shippen, D.D.	John Hoadley, Esq;
Rev. Joseph Watson, D.D.	Charles Green, Esq;
Rev. Philip Barton, LL.D.	Joseph Hall, Esq;
Rev. Edward Jackson, M.A.	Captain William Birch
Rev. James Hotchkis, M.A.	Mr. Robert Vicaris
Isaac Hawkins Brown, Esq;	Mr. Henry Stonestreet
Collection £.1000 3 0	

[1735.]

Rev. John Pelling, D.D.	Robert Westley, Esq;
Rev. Walter Hodges, D.D.	Maurice Green, M.D.
Rev. George Lavington, LL.D.	Edmund Gibson, Esq;
Rev. John Emerson, LL.D.	Thomas Baker, Esq;
Rev. Westley Hall, M.A.	Mr. William Deyman
Sir Francis Boynton, Bart.	Mr. John Blackhall
Collection £.850 5 3	

[1736.]

It has not been in the Power of the Secretary to obtain the List of the Stewards for this Year, nor the Name of the Preacher.

Collection £.837 7 0

[1737.]

Rev. William Berryman, D.D.	Thomas Pratt, Esq;
Rev. George Martin, LL.D.	William Kirshaw Boynton, Esq;
Rev. Theo. Blackall, D.D.	George Gibson, Esq;
Rev. John Baron, M.A.	Joseph Smith, Esq;
Rev. Robert Foulkes, LL.D.	William Bateman, Esq;
William Battie, M.D.	Mr. James Comyn
Collection £.856 9 7	

[1738.]

Rev. John Potter, M.A.	Richard Willis, Esq;
Rev. Richard Linnett, M.A.	Edward Tawne, Esq;
Rev. Robert Bluett, M.A.	Richard Sclater, Esq;
Rev. Samuel Kirshaw, M.A.	Mr. Timothy Matthews
Rev. William Bearcroft, M.A.	Mr. Richard Reddall
William Gibson, Esq;	Mr. Charles Thorpe
Collection £.935 2 7	

In this Collection, &c. were given by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, for which an Address was framed by the Stewards to his Royal Highness, and spoken by John Potter, Esq. Both the Address and his Royal Highness's Answer or Reply I have seen in a green Vellum Book in the Custody of George Hayter, Esq.

[1739.]

Rev. Cavendish Nevill, M.A.	Edward Smith, Esq; Treasurer
Rev. Paul Bacheior, M.A.	Thomas Potter, Esq;
Rev. Thomas Bernard, M.A.	George Brodripp, Esq;
Rev. Richard Eyre, M.A.	John Thorpe, Esq;
St. Robert Hildyard, Barr.	Mr. Edmund Chishull
William Bedford, M.D.	Mr. Edward Hilleridon

Collection £.912 11 3

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Banyer.

At a Meeting of the Governours of the Society of Musicians, Dec. 9, 1739, it was resolved, *nam. ren.* that they would supply an able Band of Music at the Rehearsal and Anniversary of the Sons of the Clergy for the Sum of 50l. and upon Payment of that Sum annually to their charitable Fund, that they would never increase the Demand upon any future Occasion.

[1740.]

Rev. Duncombe Bristowe, D.D.	Mr. John Hughes
Rev. Edmund Bateman, D.D.	Mr. Stafford Crane
Rev. Edward Donn, LL.D.	Mr. John Ogilvie
Rev. William Thompson, M.A.	Mr. Thomas Gataker
Rev. William Fordham, M.A.	Mr. Edmund Bridges
Rev. Charles Luckyn, M.A.	Mr. Theophilus Grove

Collection £.784 1 6

The Sermon was preached by the Reverend Dr. Bateman.

The Anniversary was altered this Year from the Month of February to that of April, at the Instance of the Archbishop of Canterbury, upon an Idea that it would be of much Advantage to the Charity.

[1741.]

Rev. Dean Cressett	Captain Michael Wilkins Conway
Rev. William Richardson, D.D.	Henry Matthews, Esq;
Rev. William Best, D.D.	Mr. James Barrow
Rev. John Lloyd, M.A.	Mr. Philip Lamprier
Rev. Herbert Taylor, M.A.	Mr. Richard Hodges
Captain Phillips Comyn	Mr. William Giffard

Collection £.834 2 0

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Yardley.

French Wine rejected by an Order of the Stewards of this Year.

[1742.]

Rev. Dean Pearce	Thomas Gooch, Esq;
Rev. Francis Ashey, D.D.	Mr. Joseph Gifford
Rev. Archdeacon Hayter, M.A.	Mr. George Gibson
Rev. Julius Deeds, M.A.	Mr. William Freeman
Rev. Edward Poole, M.A.	Mr. Thomas Comyn
Charles Egerton, Esq;	Mr. John Knight

Collection £.866 6 2

[1743.]

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York, Dr. Herring	Rev. George Maddox, M.A.
Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Worcester, Dr. Hough	Rev. Joseph Crew, M.A.
Rev. John Chapman, D.D.	Rev. Thomas Tanner, M.A.
Rev. John Taylor, D.D.	Rev. Silvester Vincent, M.A.
Rev. Francis Hurfman, M.A.	Rev. William Lloyd, M.A.
	John Probyn, Esq;
	Joseph Wilcox, Esq;

Collection £.819 0 0

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Cobden.

[1744.]

The Lord Bishop of Carlisle, Sir George Fleming	Rev. Jeremiah Mills, D.D.
Hon. and Rev. George Talbot	Rev. John Bate, M.A.
Rev. the Dean of York, Dr. Osbaldiston	John Merrill, Esq;
Rev. Francis Barnard, D.D.	Anthony Keck, Esq;
Rev. James Johnson, D.D.	Mr. Cadwallader Coker
	Mr. Edward Loxham
	Mr. John Barton

Collection £.848 16 9

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Trebeck.

Upon a Petition of the Stewards of this Year, to the Archbishop of Canterbury, leave was given by the Court of Assistants for the Stewards to hold their Meetings at the Corporation House.

[1745.]

The Lord Bishop of Chichester, Dr. Mawson	Rev. Eyton Butts, M.A.
The Lord Bishop of St. David's, Dr. Trevor	Robert Gibson, Esq;
Hon. and Rev. Mr. Harvey Aston	John Alderson, Esq;
Rev. Thomas Wilson, D.D.	Stephen Holland, Esq;
Rev. David James, M.A.	Mr. David Jenks
	Mr. Edward Bookey
	Mr. Thomas Sherwin

Collection £.1044 0 0

[1746.]

Hon. and Rev. Charles Harvey, D.D.	Matthew Woodford, Esq;
Hon. and Rev. Rob. Drummond, D.D.	John Woolcombe, Esq;
Rev. the Dean of Lincoln, Dr. Cheney	David James, Esq;
Rev. Stephen Light Mott, M.A.	Mr. Alexander Mackrabie
James Stephens, M.D.	Mr. William Smythies
Ralph Bridge, Esq;	Mr. William Clarke

Collection £.92 10 6

[1747.]

Hon. and Rev. Dr. Carmichael	Rev. Mr. Stephens
Hon. and Rev. Mr. Cornwallis	Edward Willes, Esq;
Rev. Dr. Ayscough	Valens Comyn, Esq;
Rev. Cutts Barton, M.A.	Mr. Henry Newcome
Rev. Robert Butts, M.A.	Mr. George Stainforth
Rev. Mr. Tilson	Mr. George Hayter

Collection £.1062 2 0

[1748.]

Rev. Dr. Cowper, Dean of Durham	Rev. Rand Ekins, A.M.
Rev. Mr. Fountayne, Dean of York	Edward Weston, Esq;
Rev. Dr. Kenrick	Thomas Stonestreet, Esq;
Rev. Dr. Newcome	Thomas Drew, Esq; Treasurer
Rev. Dr. Bernard Wilson	Mr. Thomas Wall
Rev. Mr. Friend	Mr. Isaac Dudley

Collection £.916 6 6

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Ayscough.

[1749.]

Rev. Sir Gilbert Williams, Bart.	John Calvert, Esq;
Rev. Sir William Bunbury, Bart.	Mr. Thomas Ford
Rev. Stephen Sleech, D.D.	Mr. Alexander Johnston
Rev. Samuel Haynes, D.D.	Mr. Edward Sanxay
Rev. John Wills, M.A.	Mr. Richard Budworth
Rev. Henry Evans, M.A.	Mr. Joseph Selater, Treasurer

Collection £.985 12 6

[1750.]

Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, Dr. John Thomas	Rev. Edward Lloyd, M.A.
Rev. Charles Lyttelton, D.D. Dean of Exeter	Henry Every, Esq;
Rev. Dr. Hume, Residentiary of St. Paul's	John Paterson, Esq;
Rev. John Berryman, M.A.	Mr. Samuel Salt
Rev. Samuel Towers, M.A.	Mr. Roger Altham
	Mr. Robert Coker, Treasurer
	Mr. Thomas Bromwich

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Collection £.1134 14 0

[1751.]

Rev. John Egerton, D.D. Dean of Hereford	Rev. Sherlock Willis, M.A.
Rev. Gerard Neden, D.D.	Peter Denis, Esq;
Rev. Richard Pettyward, D.D.	George Perrott, Esq;
Rev. Nicholas Brady, LL.D.	Charles Henry Talbot, Esq;
Rev. Richard Smalbroke, LL.D.	Mr. Daniel Fox
Rev. Charles Lyddall, M.A.	Mr. John Whifton, Treasurer

Collection £.1167 19 0

[1752.]

Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, Dr. Benson	Rev. John Freeman, D.D.
Edw. Ironside, Esq; Ald. and Treas.	Rev. William Derham, D.D.
Thos. Rawlinson, Esq; Alderman	Rev. Richard Terrick, D.D.
Sir Samuel Prime, Knt.	George Hay, LL.D.
Rev. Edward Vernon, D.D.	Mr. Thomas Townsend
Rev. Henry Gally, D.D.	Mr. James Ayscough

Collection £.1101 18 6

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Townley.

The Music at the Hall discontinued, as being thought not only useless, but disagreeable.

[1753.]

Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford, Dr. Secker	Sir Richard Glynn, Knt. Alderman and Treasurer
Rev. Dr. George, Dean of Lincoln	Will ^m . Beckford, Esq; and Alderm.
Rev. Dr. Herring, Dean of St. Asaph	Mr. Thomas Lloyd
Rev. Thomas Archer, M.A.	Mr. Andrew Miller
Rev. John Tatterfall, M.A.	Mr. William Fowle
Rev. John Kippax, B.D.	Mr. Edward Pomfret

Collection £.1063 18 0

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Ashton.

[1754.]

Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bristol, Dr. Conybeare	Slingsby Bethel, Esq; Alderman and Treasurer
Rev. Robert Smith, LL.D.	John Dealtry, M.D.
Rev. John Butler, LL.D.	Pagan Hale, Esq;
Rev. Jukes Egerton, M.A.	Marmaduke Fothergill, Esq;
Rev. Charles Beaumont, M.A.	Henry Savage, Esq;
Rev. Sparke Canham, M.A.	Mr. James Price

Collection £.976 8 2

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Butler.

[1755.]

Hon. and Rev. Fred. Keppell, M.A.	John Gibbon, Esq;
Rev. Mr. Archdeacon Smalbroke	Gregory Elfley, Esq;
Rev. Samuel Ashton, M.A.	John Manship, Esq;
Rev. Henry Close, M.A.	Thomas Micklethwaite, Esq;
Moses Griffith, M.D.	Mr. William Hopkins, Treasurer
Humphry Sturt, Esq;	Mr. Martin Challis, junior

Collection £.1096 3 6

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Terrick.

[1756.]

Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. Thomas	Rev. Samuel Nicolls, LL.D.
Rev. John Waugh, D.D. Dean of Worcester	Sir William Lowther, Bart.
Rev. Robert Parker, D.D.	Thomas Church, D.D.
Rev. Philip Yonge, D.D.	Thomas Foljambe, Esq;
Rev. Erasmus Saunders, D.D.	Shute Adams, Esq;
	Mr. Thomas Kilner
	Mr. William Sharp

Collection £.973 18 3

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas Church, D.D. Vicar of Battersea, and Prebendary of St. Paul's.

[1757.]

Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester, Dr. Keene	Rev. Henry Burgh, M.A.
Rev. Thomas Hunt, D.D.	Sir William Dolben, Bart. M.A.
Rev. Charles Moss, D.D.	Welbore Ellis, Esq;
Rev. Samuel Salter, D.D.	Captain Henry Wickham
Rev. William Cotton, LL.D.	John Darker, Esq;
Rev. William Reyner, M.A.	Mr. Robert Mandeville

Collection £.912 7 6

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Salter.

[1758.]

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Hutton	Rev. John Nicoll, M.A.
Rev. Mr. Chancellor Taylor	Mr. Craven
Rev. Mr. Archdeacon Ibbetson	William Heberden, M.D.
Rev. Philip Bracebridge, D.D.	Edmund Pytt, Esq;
Rev. John Lloyd, D.D.	Charles Lewis, Esq;
Rev. Henry Hewgill, M.A.	Theophilus Daubuz, Esq;

Collection £.1081 18 7

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Ibbetson, Archdeacon of St. Albans.

[1759.]

Right Hon. Lord Delamer
 Sir Anthony Thomas Abdy, Bart.
 Sir John Shaw, Bart.
 Rev. Richard Walker, D.D.
 Rev. John Thomas, D.D.
 Rev. James Halifax, D.D.

Rev. Thomas Drake, LL.D.
 Rev. Richard Dayrell, D.D.
 Rev. Nicholas Howlett, M.A.
 Richard Price, Esq;
 Samuel Jenks, Esq; Treasurer
 Bercher Baril, Esq;

Collection £.1075 7 0

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Abdy.

[1760.]

Right Rev. the Ld. Bp. of Clogher
 Hon. and Rev. Mr. Archdeac. Harley
 Sir John Phillips, Bart.
 Sir Mathew Blakiston, Knt. and Ald.
 Rev. William Markham, D.D.
 Rev. Richard Barford, M.A.

William Drake, Esq;
 Stephen Comyn, Esq; Treasurer
 Thomas Wild, Esq;
 Mr. John Perrott
 Mr. Joshua Reynolds
 Mr. William Sandby

Collection £.1038 4 3

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Dodwell.

[1761.]

The Earl of Dartmouth
 Sir Samuel Fludyer, Bart.
 John Rolle Walter, Esq;
 Affheton-Curzon, Esq;
 Francis Child, Esq; Treasurer
 Rev. Thomas Gisborne, D.D.

Rev. Mr. Archdeacon Williams
 Rev. Dr. Barnard
 Rev. Charles Wilson, D.D.
 Rev. Roger Mather, D.D.
 Mr. Marmaduke Smith
 Mr. Nathaniel Burrow

Collection £.1113 0 6

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. John Burton, D.D. Fellow of Eton.

[1762.]

His Grace the Duke of Richmond
 Rt. Hon. Lord Willoughby de Broke
 Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of St.
 David's, Dr. Squire
 Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Fernes
 Rev. Mr. Archdeacon Dickins
 Rev. John Stephens, D.D.

Rev. Lewis Hughes, M. A.
 Hon. Mr. Alderman Harley, Treas.
 William Leyborne Leyborne, Esq;
 Anthony Bacon, Esq;
 Mr. Kempe Brydges
 Mr. William Stevens

Collection £.858 18 9

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Horne of Magdalen College, Oxon.

[1763.]

Right Hon. the Earl of Oxford	Rev. William Nowell, M.A.
Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, Dr. Warburton	Rev. James Tatterfall, M.A.
Sir Sidney Stafford Smythe, Knt.	Rev. Edward Moreton, M.A.
Sir William Stephenson, Knt. Alderman and Treasurer	Rev. Oliver Marton, LL.B.
Rev. Thomas Patten, D.D.	Thomas Kynafton, Esq;
	Peter Delmè, Esq;
	John Thornton, Esq;

Collection £.1224 14 0

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Franklin.

[1764.]

Right Hon. the Earl of Northumberland	Rev. George Secker, D.D.
Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, Dr. Green	John Bettefworth, LL.D.
Sir George Pocock, Knt. of the Bath	Rev. William Lloyd, M.A.
Geo. Nelson, Esq; Alderm. and Treas.	Rev. Anthony Aufrere, M.A.
Rev. Dr. Taylor, Chancell. of Sarum	John Pugh Pryse, Esq;
	John Delmè, Esq;
	Benjamin Bewick, Esq;

Collection £.1009 2 9

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Richard Hind, D.D. Rector of Sheering, Essex.

[1765.]

Right Hon. the Earl of Gower	Rev. Daniel Burton, D.D.
Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Llandaff, Dr. Ewer	Rev. William Powell, D.D.
Right Hon. Lord Ravensworth	Rev. Newton Ogle, D.D.
Sir George Pigot, Bart.	Rev. Francis Henry Foot, M.A.
Sir Francis Gosling, Knt. Alderman and Treasurer	James Calvert, Esq;
	Charles Eyre, Esq;
	Mr. Robert Sanxay

Collection £.1207 11 10

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Hallifax.

[1766.]

His Grace the Duke of Marlborough	Rev. Nutcombe Quicke, LL.B.
The Right Hon. the Earl of Harcourt	Chancellor of Exon
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bristol, Dr. Newton	Rev. Thomas Clarke, M.A.
Sir Robert Ladbroke, Knt. Alderman and Treasurer	Rev. Richard Neate, LL.B.
Rev. Thomas Burton, D.D. Prebendary of Durham	Henry Vanfittart, Esq;
	George Durant, Esq;
	Joseph Banks, Esq;
	Thomas Harrison, Esq;

Collection £.1149 6 5

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Barton, Dean of Bristol.

[1767.]

The Most Hon. the Marquis of Tavistock	Rev. Francis Yarborough, D.D.
The Right Hon. the Earl of Bute	Rev. William Denison, D.D.
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. Lamb	Rev. Henry Lushington, D.D.
Barlow Trecothick, Esq; Alderman	George Baker, M.D.
and Treasurer	Rev. Francis Warneford, M.A.
Sir John Chichester, Bart.	John Parker, Esq;
	John Dunning, Esq;

Collection £.902 19 5

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Eyre.

[1768.]

The Right Hon. the Earl of Radnor	Rev. Dr. Ratcliffe, Master of Pem-
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford, Dr. Lowth	broke College, Oxon
Sir James Lowther, Bart.	George Harris, LL.D.
Sir Robert Kite, Kat. and Alder-	Richard Warren, M.D.
man	Rev. William Territt, M.A.
Rev. Dr. Durell, Vice-Chancellor,	Robert Palk, Esq;
Oxon	Benjamin Harrison, Esq;
	Mr. John Rivington, Treasurer

Collection £.945 16 11

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Finch.

[1769.]

The Right Hon. the Lord-Mayor, Samuel Turner, Esq; Treasurer	Rev. John Moore, D.D. Canon of Christ-Church
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Landaff, Dr. Shipley	Rev. George Berkeley, LL.D. Pre- bendary of Canterbury
The Right Hon. Lord Clive	Peter Calvert, LL.D.
Hon. and Rev. Shute Barrington, LL.D	James Ford, M.D.
Rev. Thomas Wilson, D.D. Dean of Carlisle	Rev. Ralph Drake Brockman, B.D.
	Rev. Henry Wigley, M.A.
	Mr. Stephen Lushington

Collection £.814 12 0

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Percy.

The Lord-Mayor, the Archbishops and Bishops, the Nobility and Aldermen, dined together at this Anniversary for the first time at the High Table in the Great Hall.

[1770.]

His Grace the Duke of Leeds
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of
Peterborough, Dr. Hinchliffe
The Hon. and Rev. Brownlow
North
Sir Sampson Gideon, Bart.
William Nash, Esq; Alderman and
Treasurer

Rev. Rich^d. Eyre, D.D. a 2d time.
He served this Office in 1739.
Rev. Samuel Peploe, LL.D.
Rev. John Wenham, M.A.
John Walfsh, Esq;
Thomas Tyrwhit, Esq;
Mathew Harrison, Esq;
Bicknell Coney, Esq;

Collection £.786 16 6

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Whalley.

[1771.]

His Grace the Duke of Grafton
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of
Carlisle, Dr. Law
The Hon. and Rev. James Corn-
wallis, M.A.
Sir Watkin Williams Wynne, Bart.
Richard Peers, Esq; Alderman and
Treasurer

Rev. William Parker, D.D.
Mr. Serjeant Jephson
Rev. John Blair, LL.D.
Rev. Thomas Townson, B.D.
Rev. David Home, M.A.
Granado Pigot, Esq;
Peter Leheup, jun. Esq;

Collection £.960 0 0

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Parker.

£.160 16 0, Part of the above Collection of 960l. was made at
St. George's Church, Hanover-Square, at the desire of Mr. Tilson of Rich-
mond, Surry, who gave the Sum of 200l. to try the Experiment of a Re-
hearsal of the Music in a Church or Chapel at the West End of the Town.

[1772.]

His Grace the Lord Archbp. of Can-
terb. 2d time. The 1st was in 1747.
His Grace the Duke of Devonshire
Thos. Hallifax, Esq; Ald. and Treas.
Rev. Thomas Dampier, D.D.
Rev. Thomas Patrick Young, D.D.
Rev. George Horne, D.D.

Charles Morton, M.D.
Rev. George Tilson, M.A.
George Adey, Esq;
David Garrick, Esq;
Robert Gosling, Esq;
William Webber, jun. Esq;

Collection £.900 5 6

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Morell.

At this Anniversary it was unanimously agreed to lay aside all Thoughts
of any other Rehearsal than the usual one that has been held in St. Paul's
Cathedral.

[1773.]

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Sandwich	Rev. John Douglas, D.D. Canon of Windsor
Rev. and Right Hon. Earl of Harborough	Rev. Dr. Jeffreys, Can. of Christ-Ch.
Hon. and Rev. Dr. Yorke, Dean of Lincoln	Rev. William Bell, D.D. Prebendary of Westminster
Hon. and Rev. John Tracy, D.D. Warden of All Souls College	Rev. John Wickins, D.D.
John Shakespear, Esq; Alderman and Treasurer	John Elliott, Esq;
	Francis Wilson, Esq;
	Mr. Thomas Geeve

Collection £.976 9 3

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Glasfe.

[1774.]

The Rt. Hon. Lord North, K.G.	Rev. Edward Lockwood, M.A.
Sir James Esdaile, Knt. Alderman and Treasurer	Rev. William Buller, M.A. Canon of Windsor
Rev. Pulter Forester, D.D. Chancellor of Lincoln	Rev. Andrew Burnaby, M.A.
Rev. William Backhouse, D.D. Archdeacon of Canterbury	George Clive, Esq;
Rev. Nicholas Fayting, M.A.	Edward Wynne, Esq;
	Robert Jenner, Esq;
	William Strahan, Esq;

Collection £.942 17 6

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Tucker, Dean of Gloucester.

[1775.]

The Right Hon. the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire	Rev. Ralph Cawley, D.D. Principal of Brazen-Nose College
Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, Dr. Hurd	Rev. George Jubb, D.D.
Right Hon. Lord Craven	Rev. Robert Carter, A.M. Chaplain in Ordinary to His Majesty
Samuel Plumbe, Esq; Alderman and Treasurer	Rev. Thomas Rennell, A.M. Preb. of Winchester
Rev. George Stinton, D.D. Chanc. of the Church of Lincoln	Thomas Rumbold, Esq;
	Edward Burnaby Green, Esq;
	Mr. James Sharp

Collection £.866 13 3

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Burnaby, Vicar of Greenwich, Kent.

John Bacon, the Secretary, reported, that it appeared by the Will of the late Rev. Dr. John Ratcliff, Master of Pembroke College in the University of Oxford, proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Aug. 18, 1775. that, from and after the Decease of his Sister, the Sum of Three Pounds, the Interest of One Hundred Pounds in the Three per Cent. Bank Annuities, is annually to be given to the Stewards of the Charity for the Sons of the Clergy, as an Addition to their Collection at St. Paul's.

[1776.]

His Grace the Duke of Beaufort	Rev. Philip Duval, D.D. Canon of Windsor
The Right Hon. the Lord-Mayor, John Sawbridge, Esq; Alderman and Treasurer	Rev. Everard Buckworth, LL.D. Prebendary of Canterbury
Rev. Anth. Hamilton, D.D. Arch- deacon of Colchester	Rev. George Pawson, LL.B.
Rev. Samuel Smalbroke, D.D. Can. Residentiary of Lichfield	Rev. William Burrow, B.D.
Rev. Charles Poyntz, D.D.	Brigadier-General Richard Smith
	Granville Wheler, Esq;
	Robert Chester, Esq;

Collection £.880 7 6

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Beilby Porteus, D.D.

[1777.]

The Most Hon. Marquis of Granby	Rev. James Waller, D.D. Arch- deacon of Essex
The Right Hon. the Earl of Radnor	Rev. Herbert Mayo, D.D.
The Right Rev. Ld. Bp. of Chester, Dr. Porteus	Rev. Richard Rycroft, D.D.
Sir James Eyre, Knt, a Baron of the Exchequer	Rev. John James Majendie, D.D. F.R.S.
Fred. Bull, Esq; Alderm. and Treas.	William Rix, Esq;
Rev. Richard Kaye, LL.D. Sub- Almoner to His Majesty	Mathew Bloxam, Esq;

Collection £.1000 0 0

The Sermon was preached by the Hon. and Rev. Dr. Cornwallis,
Dean of Canterbury.

[1778.]

The Right Hon. the Lord Chan- cellor, Earl Bathurst	Jervoise Clarke Jervoise, Esq;
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Exeter, Dr. Ross	Rev. Baptist Proby, D.D. Dean of Lichfield
The Lord Chief Baron, Sir John Skynner, Knt.	Rev. Samuel Kettilby, D.D.
Brackley Kennett, Esq; Alderman and Treasurer	Rev. John Law, D.D. Archdeacon of Rochester
Sir John Eliot, Bart. M.D.	Rev. Stephen Eaton, M.A.
	Richard Stonhewer, Esq;
	Charles De Laet, Esq;

Collection £.1100 0 0

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. John Warren, D.D. Chaplain
in Ordinary to His Majesty, and Prebendary of Ely.

[1779.]

The STEWARDS for this Year are,

The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor

His Grace the Lord Primate of Ireland

The Rt. Hon. Lord George Germain

John Kirkman, Esq; Alderman and Treasurer

Rev. Thomas Thurlow, D.D. Dean of Rochester

Rev. John Warren, D.D. Prebendary of Ely

Mr. Justice Buller

Rev. Francis Broade, D.D.

John Turton, M.D. F.R.S.

Rev. Henry Egerton, M.A. Archdeacon of Derby

George Barker Devon, Esq;

John Bacon, F.S.A. Secretary

The Sermon to be preached by the Rev. Dr. Richardson, Rector of St. Ann's, Westminster.

Benefactions to this Charity will be thankfully received by Mr. JOHN BACON, at the *First-Fruits Office*, in the *Temple*, Secretary to the Stewards.

